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| <b>REQUEST<br/>FOR<br/>CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)<br/>TRANSMITTAL</b><br><br>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,<br>provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application<br>filed on or after June 8, 1995.<br>See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA). | <b>Application Number</b>     | 09/917,811      |
|  | <b>Filing Date</b>            | 31-Jul-2001     |
|  | <b>Examiner Name</b>          | P. J. Vrettakos |
|  | <b>First Named Inventor</b>   | Zvuloni et al   |
|  | <b>Group Art Unit</b>         | 3739            |
|  | <b>Attorney Docket Number</b> | 00/20827        |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**a. ☐ Previously submittedi. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on **December 24, 2003**.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_b. ☐ Enclosedi. ☐ Amendment/Replyii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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171.00 DA**2. Miscellaneous**a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or any other amounts, or credit any overpayments, to **Deposit Account No. 50-1407**. Applicant is still entitled to Small Entity Status. A Duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) \$385

39 Claims (19 @ \$9) Small Entity Status \$ 171

1 independent claims (0 @\$43) Small Entity Status \$ --

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) (Three months) \$475

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Less Two Months already paid \$210 \$265

**Total of \$821****SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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